are generic in nature and available to all industries and not specifically to the steel industry alone. Since these schemes are not steel specified, the subsidy element cannot be readily quantified. The Steel Development Fund (SDF) monitored by Ministry of Steel as well as loan guarantees given by Government of India to public sector steel plants have also been targeted in these investigations.

Production and export of coal based sponge iron

1475. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is the largest coal based sponge iron producer in the world;

(b) if so, the major producers of coal based sponge iron and their production and export during 2001-2002, 2002-2003; and

(c) the targets fixed for production and export during 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The production of major coal based sponge iron units is given below:

Sl. No.	Unit	Production ('000 tonnes) 2001-02	2002-03
1.	Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.	561	590
2.	Tata Sponge Iron Ltd.	228	236
3.	Prakash Industries Ltd.	163	222
4.	Monnet Ispat Ltd.	132	195
5.	Bihar Sponge Iron Ltd.	151	154
6.	Sree Metaliks Ltd.	69	135
7.	Sunflag Iron & Steel Co.	120	123
8.	Orissa Spong Iron Ltd.	101	113
9.	Lloyds Metals & Engg. Ltd.	107	107
10.	Bellary Steel & Alloys	58	92

There have been no exports of sponge iron from India-either in 2001-02 or in 2002-03 from these units.

(c) Gross domestic production of sponge iron in 2003-04 has been projected at 7.5 million tonnes. No target for export of sponge iron has been fixed set for 2003-04.

Evaluation of central sector scheme of NRC

1476. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government/Planning Commission has conducted evaluation studies on the Central Sector Scheme of National Reconstruction Corps (NRC); if so, the details of such evaluation studies, findings thereof and the action taken thereon;

(b) whether any such study has made detailed impact assessment of the NRC; and

(c) whether Government propose to retain the scheme and extend the coverage of more districts under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI VIJAY GOEL): (a) to (c) An evaluation of the scheme of National Reconstruction Corps (NRC) was entrusted to 5 (five) independent agencies on the advice of the Planning Commission. Reports of the evaluation studies have since been received and are under examination. Further continuance of the scheme will be decided in consultation with the Planning Commission and the Ministry of Finance.

Sports centres in M.P.

†1477. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up sports centres in all the districts of Madhya Pradesh to promote sports;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the allotment of budget; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.